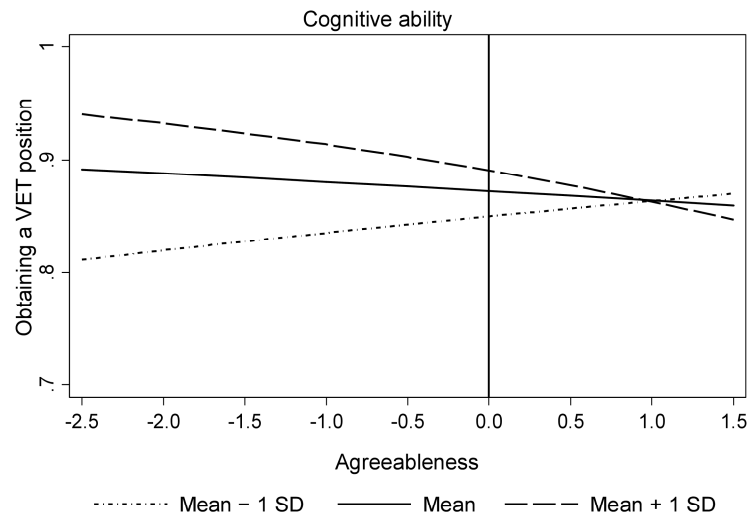
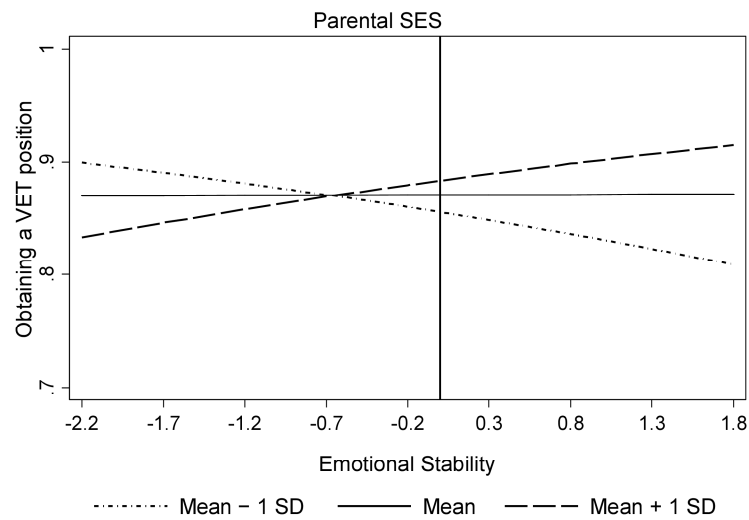


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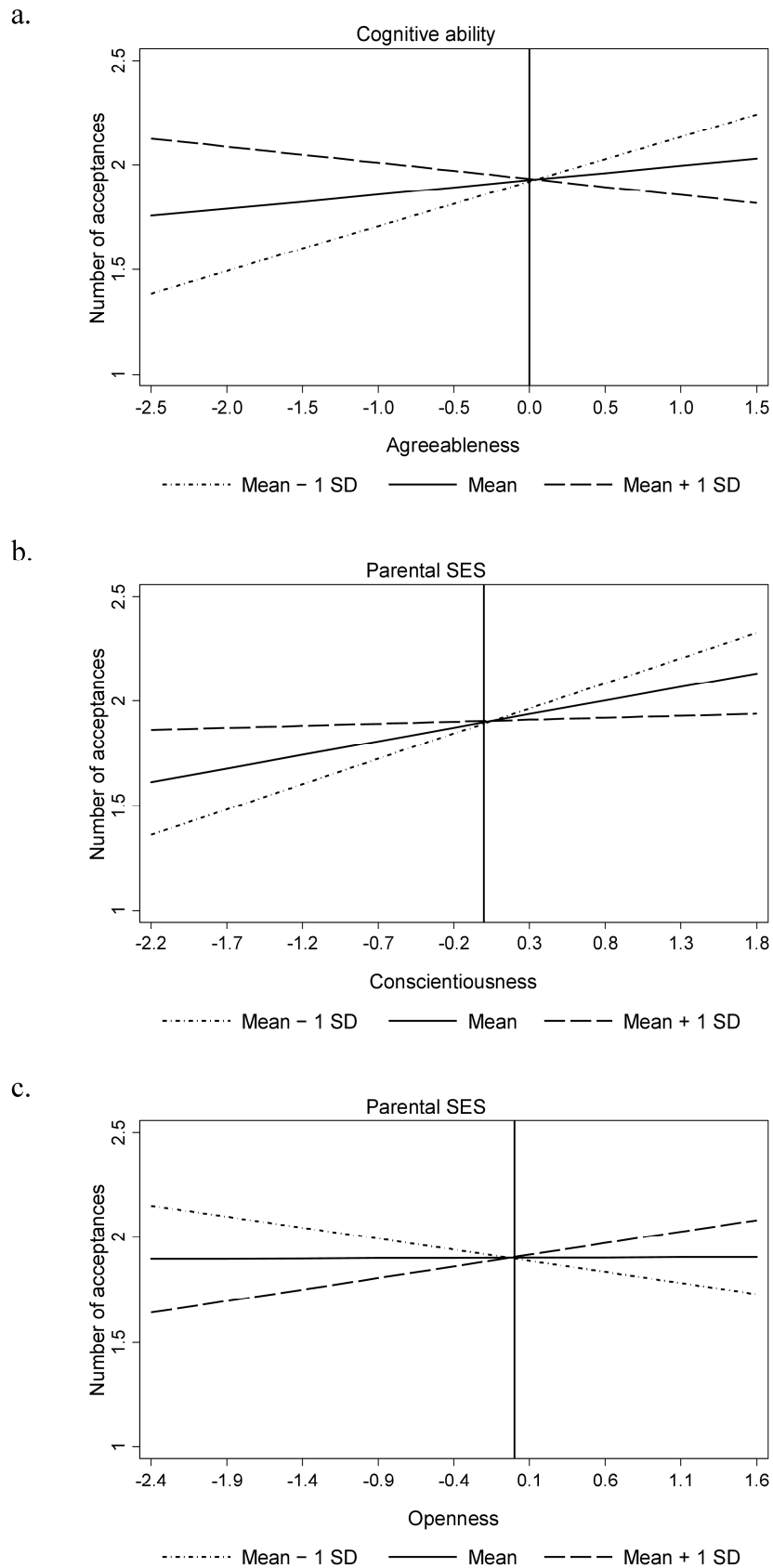
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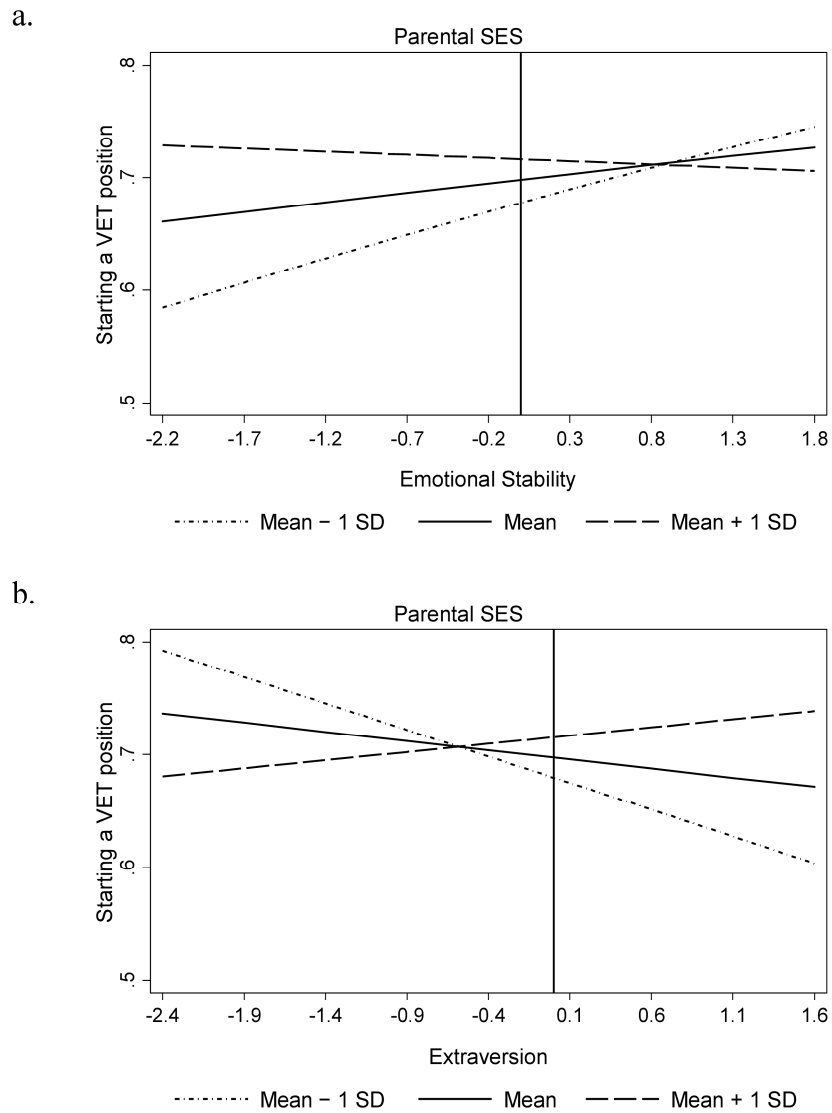
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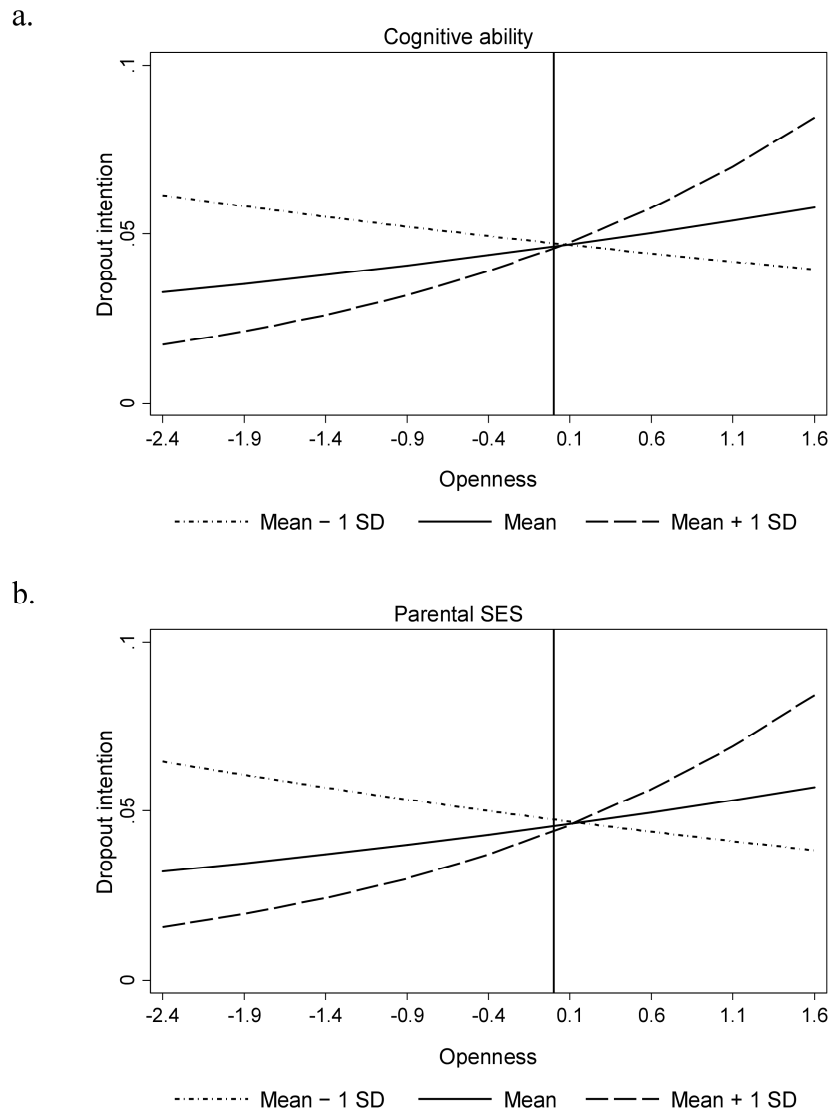
**Supplementary Figure S1.** Interactive associations between different Big Five personality traits and different covariates for the success indicator “obtaining a VET position.”  $N = 3,276$  (a–b). The vertical line represents the mean value. All variables are centered. All interactions are significant.



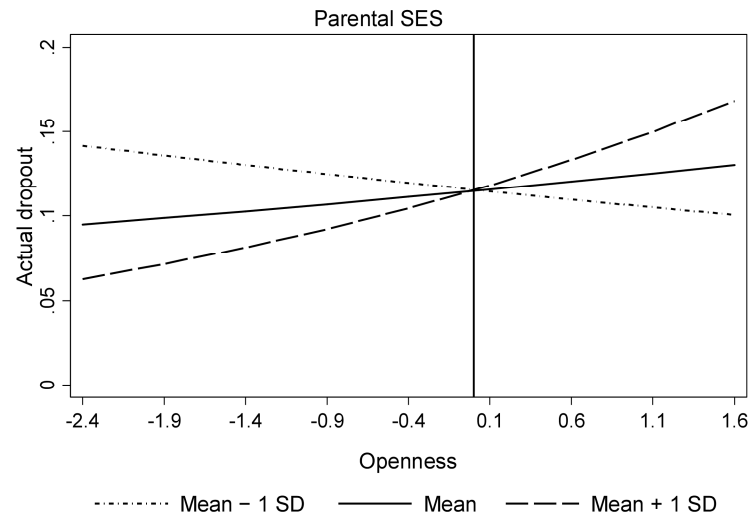
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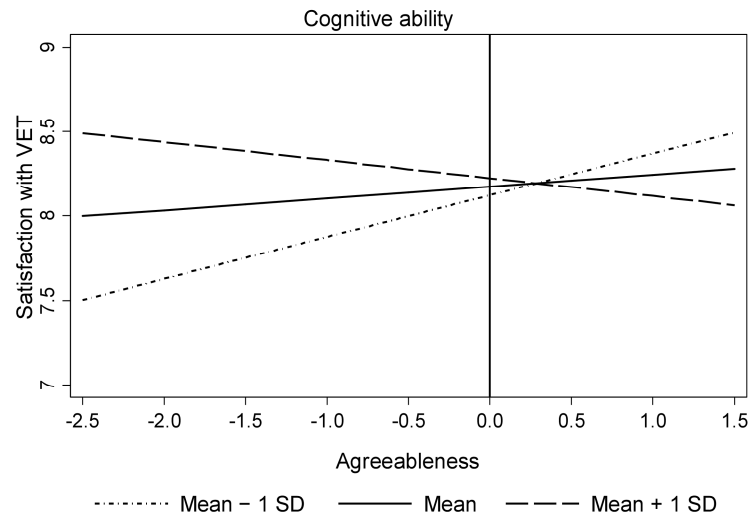
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**Supplementary Figure S4.** Interactive associations between the Big Five personality trait Openness and different covariates for the success indicator “dropout intention.”  $N = 1,933$  (a–b). The vertical line represents the mean value. All variables are centered. All interactions are significant.



**Supplementary Figure S5.** Interactive associations between the Big Five personality trait Openness and parental SES for the success indicator “actual dropout.”  $N = 1,984$ . The vertical line represents the mean value. All variables are centered. All interactions are significant.



**Supplementary Figure S6.** Interactive association between the Big Five personality trait Agreeableness and cognitive ability for the success indicator “satisfaction with VET.”  $N = 1,528$ . The vertical line represents the mean value. All variables are centered. The interaction is significant.